

EASES will be held at the University Holiday Inn in Columbus, Ohio on May 15-17.

Leading turfgrass disease specialists from the United States and Canada have agreed to participate. Anyone interested in current problems associated with control of turfgrass diseases is welcome to attend and should benefit from the speakers' comments.

The proceedings of the meeting will be published and should serve as a valuable reference on turfgrass diseases. For further information, write: A SYMPOSIUM ON TURFGRASS DISEASES 1979, 2865 E. Orange Rd., Galena, OH 43021, or call: Dr. P.O. Larsen at 614/422-6987 or Dr. B.G. Joyner at 614/885-9588.

#### TURFGRASS

### **Pest slides available from NY Turf Assoc.**

Two 35-millimeter slide sets, one concerning turfgrass insects of the Northeast and the other about turfgrass diseases, are available from the New York State Turfgrass Association.

Dr. Haruo Tashiro of the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station developed the 76-slide program concerning turfgrass insects and Dr. Richard Smiley, also of Cornell, compiled the 66-slide set about the identification and control of turfgrass diseases.

The sets can be purchased from NYSTA at a cost of \$20 for New York residents and \$25 for out-of-state residents. Checks should be made payable to the New York State Turfgrass Association and mailed to Ann Reilly, Executive Secretary, 210 Cartwright Blvd., Massapequa Park, NY 11762.

#### WEED CONTROL

### **Changes in Ronstar G for poa, application**

A label change that allows late summer or early fall application and an improved granule size should help turf managers in their fight against turf weeds, especially poa annua, with Chipco Ronstar G, according to Rhone Poulenc.

Preemergent application during the fall, when poa annua germination is heaviest, will allow those who

consider it a weed to regain control. The new granule size will make application more precise and will minimize dust.

The herbicide is recommended for preemergence control of germinating crabgrass, poa annua, goosegrass, Florida pursley, oxalis, stinging nettle, carpetgrass and pigweed. It can be used in established stands of perennial bluegrass, bermudagrass, perennial ryegrass and St. Augustinegrass.

It is available as a two percent granular formulation in 50 pound bags. The rate for turf applications is 200 pounds per acre of the two percent formulation. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Rhone-Poulenc Inc. Ag Division, P.O. Box 125, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852.

#### TURFGRASS

### **High salt, pH tolerant grass found in Colorado**

A new perennial grass variety that could be on the market as early as this year, thrives in situations where the soil pH is a very high, salty 8.2-8.5.

Fulfs *Puccinellia distans* is intended initially for use along highway rightofway and roadside boulevards. There are also plans for use of the variety on fine turf areas such as golf courses with salty soils, or places that have alkaline irrigation water.

Northrup King Co., Minneapolis, presently has production and marketing rights. The company is contemplating seeking Plant Variety Protection under federal law.

Fulfs was discovered when Stan Metsker, then superintendent at the Boulder Country Club, Boulder, Colo., noticed patches of a grass growing in salty areas of the fairways. Professor Jesse Fulfs of the Colorado State University Weed Research Lab, identified the grass as *Puccinellia distans*, and was responsible for the initial collecting, purification and seed increase of the variety. The grass was ultimately named after Professor Fulfs.

Fulfs has been seeded in roadside trials in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, and has shown excellent persistence in salty areas where even tall fescue has failed to survive, according to Larry Vetter, manager of the Professional Turf Products Division for Northrup King.

A seed mixture for fine turf areas could also include Fulfs, plus Ken-

tucky bluegrass, fine-leaved perennial ryegrasses, and/or fine fescues such as the salt-tolerant Dawson red fescue, Vetter added.

He said that a combination of these species will provide quick cover, good turf quality, and long-term persistence. It can also be seeded with bentgrass. Fulfs is expected to have uses on golf courses in areas where irrigation water is highly alkaline.

Fulfs is a low-growing bunch-type grass. Maximum unmown height, inclusive of seed heads, is between 12 and 16 inches. Plants are leafy and the leaves narrow. The color is dark green, which tends to darken on alkaline soils.

#### ASSOCIATION

### **New York Nurserymen elect new officers**

Henry Weller, Congdon & Weller, North Collins, was elected president of the New York State Nurserymen's Association at the annual meeting, January 11.

Jack Lander, Jack Lander's Landscaping, Newburgh, was elected first vice president and Arthur H. Steffen, Arthur H. Steffen, Inc., was elected second vice president.

Frank Ferraro, Bianco & Ferraro, Washington Mills, is the new treasurer. Secretary is James Cross, Environmentals, Inc., Cutchogue. Alfred Krautter, Sprainbrook Nursery in Scarsdale, is director-at-large.

#### ASSOCIATION

### **Florida Turf-Grass elects new officers**

Members of the Florida Turf-Grass Association recently elected new officers at their 26th Annual Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla.

Those elected to serve in 1979 were C. Wayne Sloan (president), Harvey E. Phillips (vice president), and James D. Carter (secretary-treasurer).

Sloan is assistant vice president of community facilities for Gulfstream Land & Development Corp., Phillips is superintendent of the Bellevue Biltmore Hotel & Golf Course, and Carter is president of Bingham Seed Co. Six directors were also elected at the conference.